

Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee (HIAC)

Homeless Initiative

June 17, 2015

Mission: *End Homelessness in Asheville and Buncombe County by 2015*

Vision: The 10 Year Plan implementation process, through the Homeless Initiative, will end chronic homelessness and reduce all types of homelessness over the next decade by investing resources in a coordinated, sustained effort that addresses the underlying causes of homelessness

In attendance:

- Brian Alexander, HL Carlisle, Lance Edwards, Dan Garrett, Robin Merrell, Sabrah n'haRaven, Scott Rogers, Chuck Rosenblum, Micheal Woods, Amy Hobson, Jonathon Jones, Sarah Lancaster, Scott Parker, Christiana Glenn Tugman, Amy Upham, Katie Stewart, Mary Sczudlo

Minutes:

- Chuck Rosenblum stated that there should be corrections to the 4th and 6th bullet points of the May 2015 minutes to better capture the discussion regarding poverty and that the underlying causes of poverty should be an ongoing topic for the Committee. Dan Garret made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes with the requested amendments. Micheal Woods seconded the motion which was approved with Sabrah n'haRaven abstaining.

Subcommittee Updates and Review

- Christiana Glenn Tugman provided an update on the Family and Youth Subcommittee. The ROI has been completed. Two cases have been triaged and a hypothetical scenario has been reviewed. The small caseload has likely been due to the summer break for schools, but the process has been working well.
- Brian Alexander suggested that a decision be made regarding whether an Advocacy Subcommittee should be created. Sabrah n'haRaven and Lance Edwards pointed out that there was general agreement for an Advocacy group during the May meeting, but no vote and that the previous debate had been about the Subcommittee's top three priorities.
- The group then discussed whether affordable housing should be one of the Subcommittee's priorities and the relationship between poverty and homelessness. Brian Alexander pointed out that the topics in the charter are not the only issues that can be addressed by the Subcommittee.
- Sabrah n'haRaven read the Advocacy Subcommittee charter and made a motion to create the group without the specific priorities listed in the last sentence. Dan Garret seconded the motion.
- Scott Rogers offered a substitute motion to approve an Advocacy Subcommittee that would develop strategies and report back to the HIAC regarding short and long term issues associated with homelessness. Dan Garrett withdrew his second for Sabrah n'haRaven's motion. Sabrah n'haRaven withdrew her motion. Dan Garret seconded Scott Roger's substitute which was approved unanimously.

Ten Year Plan: Next Steps

- Christiana Glenn Tugman reminded the group that 2015 marks the end of the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness and that a Strategic Plan should be developed within the next six months.
- Micheal Woods asked how HIAC officers are selected and the group discussed reviewing the bylaws for clarification.
- Dan Garrett recommended having a retreat with the involvement of a moderator.
- Christiana Glenn Tugman would organize a few dates in the Fall for a Strategic Plan Retreat.

Next Regular Meeting:
Date: August 19, 2015
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: Housing Authority Board